

The decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary right before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. They should not be able to use the airwaves to influence an election. Free speech is inhibited when big companies control the airwaves and dictate what a large number of local stations can broadcast.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to be more than a rubber stamp. Thank you.